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NEXT MEETING will be held in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum on Thursday 17th July at 7.45 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. David Little

Subject: Leaf eating insects in Tasmanian Forests.

NEXT OUTING: A.N.M. Forest holdings at Maydena, Florentine Valley. Saturday 19th July.

Cars to leave 8.15 from Prince Theatre or 10.30 at the gate at Maydena.

AUGUST MEETING: You will be asked, if present at the July meeting -

How many slides you will show.

What your subject will be.

The approximate time you require - 1 - 10 minutes.

OR Any bright suggestions to make this evening a success.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Miss Pat Palmer on Tasmanian Orchids.

Publications Received -

Queensland Naturalist.

Report on Masthead Island Bird population.

Some fungi and terrestrial vegetation.

Nats' News (Devonport)

Lichens and mosses on the nest of the Pink Robin.

National Parks and Wildlife Service report for the year ended 30th June, 1975

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PERIODICALS

North-Eastern Naturalist:

Ferns -'The Magic of Ferns'

'Ferns less subject to change'

'Magical Properties of Ferns'

Tasmanian Aborigines. If you are interested in Aborigine history, read this article.

Western Australian Museum, Vol. 3, part 3.

'On a collection of Polychaeta from intertidal and shallow reefs near Perth, W.A.' by J.H. Day

The Orchid - Peterborough Field Naturalist, Canada.

Tasmanian Environmental Centre

New publication 'Environmental Abstracts'. A weekly publication providing a comprehensive abstract service as an easy reference and retrieval guide to all environmental material published through the Tasmanian newspapers and other publications. - In short, references to paper notes on nuclear testing, Omega, Natural resources in land and waters, Land management, conservation etc.

EARLY FLOWERING ACACIAS.

Acacia suaveolens, (sweet wattle) shrub 1 - 2m high with erect branches and straight linear leaves (phyllodes) 5 - 14 cm (up to 6") long, 3 - 8 mm wide with one prominent vein. The leaves are thick, not pointed, often blue-green in colour. Flowers light creamy yellow, deeper in colour when buds open, sweetly scented. Seed pods oblong, flat, leathery, 3 - 4 cm long (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") 1.5 cm broad, purplish-brown in colour.

Flowering records 14th July, 1957 Kingston.

16th August, 1959 Blackmans Bay.

1st June, 1975 Coningham.

Widespread - often on sandy soils in heathland.

Acacia botrycephala - Sunshine wattle

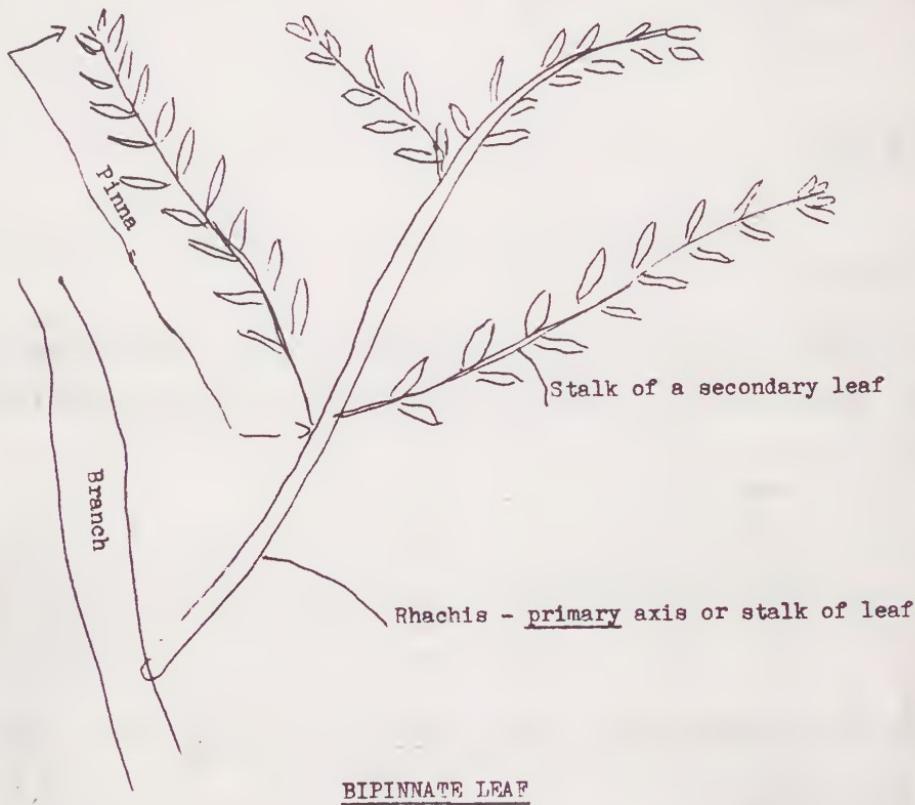
A shrub with spreading branches up to 4m. high by 3m. wide.
Leaves bipinnate, the pinnae with two to six pairs, 5 - 10 cm. long.
Leaflets 10 - 15 pairs narrow-elliptical 8 - 12 mm long. glossy dark
green leathery. Undersurface pale.

Flowers in large spherical heads, light creamy to lemon yellow in
large clusters on the end of branches. Pods oblong, straight, flattened
6 - 10 cm. long x 10 - 12 cm. wide.

Flowers already in autumn, as seen near Coningham - outing 21st
June, 1975. A common shrub with its beauty more in foliage than flowers.

Pinna (plural pinnae) a primary division; a leaflet of a pinnate leaf.

Pinnate - arranged as the barbs of a feather; of a compound leaf
with leaflets on both sides of a rachis or axis.



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